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In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2003, reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-19 are pending.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Hayes for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative, Mr. Jason Vick, during the recent telephone interviews.

The Office Action objects to the specification for a number of informalities. In relation to these informalities, Applicant is currently reviewing the best approach to have this subject matter included in the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be held in abeyance until the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 7-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Chang in view of O'Reilly. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, said request message comprising a metadata description of particular reporting items to be retrieved, said metadata description of particular reporting items being verified and forwarded to said retrieval device, and said retrieving device obtaining customer specific data in accordance with the metadata request, whereby said customer-specific retrieved data and said metadata

description of said reporting items are communicated to said client workstation and utilized to generate a completed report for presentation to said customer, the completed report capable of being dynamically determined based on the metadata and one or more of customization options and user options.

Applicant respectfully submits that Chang at least fails to teach, suggest or disclose these features. Specifically, as discussed during the recent telephone interview, while Chang discloses on column 22, lines 47-48 that "the Internet-Web Link system also offers subscribers options to receive usage reports via E-mail or as File Transfer Protocol (FTP) type file transfers," Applicant respectfully submits that Chang does not dynamically determine the report based on the metadata and one or more customization options and user options as claimed. In contrast, Applicant respectfully submits that in relation to column 22, lines 33-59 (reproduced below), that in response to an HTTP message requesting a report, the WSMS 255 compiles the requested report data and forwards the report to a proxy server 523. Thus, even if for the sake of argument the ability of Chang to receive e-mail or File Transfer Protocol type transfers is equated to customization options as claimed, Applicants respectfully submit this information is clearly not used for the report determination as recited in claim 1.

Through a similar procedure, the subscriber can access various reports regarding usage of AIN services. In response to an HTTP message requesting such a report, the application server 527 queries the WSMS 255 through the OSN 21 and the TNS 253. From its database 258 and/or by querying the reporting systems (DD and DRS) 244, 246 of the ISCP site 241 serving the subscriber, the WSMS 255 compiles the requested report data. The WSMS 255 transmits the report data through the OSN 21 and the TNS 253 to the application server 527. The application server in turn formats the report as one or more HTML web pages and forwards the pages to the proxy server 523. The proxy server communicates via the router 510 and the Internet 27, to supply the web pages of the report to the user's terminal device 29 for storage and/or display. The Internet-Web

Link system also offers subscribers options to receive usage reports via E-mail or as File Transfer Protocol (FTP) type file transfers.

In the call blocking example, the subscriber at premiss 31.sub.A might use the web link access technique to obtain a report of how many calls to her number were blocked during the latest active call blocking period and possibly the telephone numbers of the calling parties.

These first operational examples described above related to AIN services facilitated through the ISCP sites 241. The secure access platform 25 facilitates similar access to the switch management systems 231.

O'Reilly fails to overcome at least the deficiencies noted above in relation to Chang. Accordingly, the cited references, either alone or in combination, fail to teach, suggest or disclose each and every feature of claims 1 and 12. Furthermore, the claims depending from claims 1 and 12 are also not obvious in view of the cited references for at least the reasons outlined above and the additional feature(s) they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-4, 7-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 5-6 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Chang and O'Reilly and further in view of Sharples. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

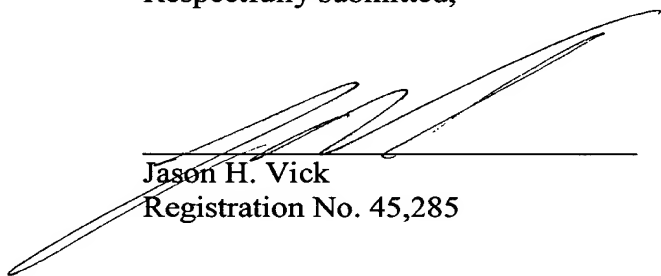
Applicant respectfully submits that Sharples at least fails to overcome the deficiencies noted above in relation to Chang and O'Reilly. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references, either alone or in combination, fail to teach, suggest or disclose each and every feature of the claims. Accordingly, the cited references fail to render obvious claims 5-6 and 18. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5-6 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are respectfully

requested.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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